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AMCONSUL LUANDA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 2260

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NEED FOR PLANNING ON AIR EVACUATION OF US MISSIONARIES

REF: LUANDA 0779

1. DAO/PRETORIA ADVISES THAT THEIR AIRPLANE COULD LAND AT NOVA LISBOA AIRPORT OR THE SILVA PARTO AIRPORT BUT THAT OTHER AIRSTRIPS LISTED AS POTENTIAL EVACUATION SITES IN THE ENCLOSURE "EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR AMERICANS IN THE NOVA LISBOA REGION" WOULD BE UNFEASIBLE FOR LANDING.

2. CURRENT DEPARTMENT POLICY, DAO/PRETORIA NOT PERMITTED TO OVERFLY SOUTHWEST AFRICA EXCEPT CAPRIVI STRIP AND IS NOT PERMITTED TO LAND ANYWHERE IN SWA INCLUDING CAPRIVI STRIP.

3. DAO/PRETORIA OVERFLIGHT OR LANDING CLEARANCE IN ZAMBIA IS APPARENTLY IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN PER LUSAKA'S 0781. IN ORDER TO EFFECT FLIGHT TO ONE OR BOTH OF AIRPORTS NOTED IN PARA ONE (1) ABOVE, DAO/PRETORIA WOULD HAVE TO PROCEED TO WALVIS BAY TO REFUEL (OVERFLYING A PORTION OF SWA) OR LAND IN PARRIVI STRIP FOR REFUEL. DAO WOULD HAVE TO REFUEL FOR RETURN FLIGHT AT EITHER NOVA LISBOA OR SILVA PARTO.

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RM FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENT OF THREAT ENVIRONMENT

FOR MISSION PLANNING WOULD HAVE TO BE MET BEFORE DAO/PRETORIA
EMERGENCY EVACUATION FLIGHT TO NOVA LISBOA REGION OR ANGOLA
COULD BE EFFECTED.

A. DIRECTION FROM DIA--ACTION: DIA

B. PERMISSION FROM AMBASSADOR BOWDLER--ACTION: RSO/PRETORIA

C. PERMISSION FOR HOST GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA--ACTION: AMCONSUL
LUANDA

D. ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIRCRAFT FUEL FACILITIES AT NOVA LISBOA
AND/OR SILVA PORT AIRPORTS--ACTION: AMCONSUL LUANDA

E. PERMISSION TO OVERFLY SWA OR TO LAND IN THE CAPRIVI STRIP
ON ONE-TIME EXCEPTION BASIS--ACTION: DEPARTMENT

F. PERMISSION FROM HOST GOVERNMENT TO OVERFLY AND/OR REFUEL
IN BOTSWANA IF CAPRIVI STRIP FLIGHT PLAN IS SELECTED--ACTION:
AMEMBASSY GOBORONE

G. PERMISSION FROM RSA GOVERNMENT FOR ALL PORTIONS OF FLIGHT
OVER RSA, SWA AND FOR LANDING/FUEL IN CAPRIV--ACTION:
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA.

5. IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE REQUIREMENT FOR DAO/PRETORIA TO
PARTICIPATE IN AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION EXERCISE IN ANGOLA, THE
DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER IN ADVANCE ITEM 4-3 ABOVE.
WE ESTIMATE THAT, IN A REAL EMERGENCY, ITEMS 4-A, 4-B, 4-F,
AND 4-G ABOVE COULD BE QUICKLY ACCOMPLISHED AND IT IS ASSUMED
THAT AMCONSUL LUANDA WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ITEM 4-C
AND 4-D.

6. DAO/PRETORIA ESTIMATES, GIVEN FUEL PAYLOAD REQUIREMENTS,
AND THE NOVA LISBOA RUNWAY ALTITUDES, THAT THEY COULD CARRY
SEVEN (7) PASSENGERS WITH TWENTY-FIVE (25) POUNDS BAGGAGE PER
PERSON PER FLIGHT.

7. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES TYPICAL FLIGHT TIMES FOR DAO AIRCRAFT
ARE WALVIS TO NOVA LISBOA--SIX (6) HOURS, CAPRIVI TO NOVA
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LISBOA--FIVE (5) HOURS, ONE WAY.
BOWDLER

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